



# USS *Ochlockonee*, AOG-33

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A river that flows through Georgia and Florida.

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Builder: East Coast Shipyard, Bayonne, New Jersey

Length: 220' 6"

Beam: 37'

Draft: 17'

Displacement: 2,270 (fl)

Commissioned: 29 December 1944

Decommissioned: 14 January 1946

Disposition: Sold

Machinery: 720 hp diesel direct drive; single propeller

Top Speed: 10 knots

Complement: 62

Armament: 1 3"/50; 2 x 40mm; 3 x 20mm

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## History:

The USS *Ochlockonee* was a *Mettawee*-Class gasoline tanker. She was formerly MC Hull 1530, and was laid down under a Maritime Commission contract 18 October 1944 by East Coast Shipyard, Inc., Bayonne, New Jersey; launched 19 November 1944; sponsored by Mrs. Albert Robinette; acquired by the Navy 18 December 1944; and commissioned 29 December, Lt. Arthur W. Walker, USCG, in command.

Following shakedown in the Chesapeake Bay, *Ochlockonee* departed Norfolk 15 February 1945 for Hawaii via Aruba, the Panama Canal, and San Diego, arriving 14 April. Operating out of Pearl Harbor for the remainder of the war, *Ochlockonee* made fueling runs among the Hawaiians and to Johnston and Canton Islands.

She decommissioned at San Pedro, Calif., 14 January 1946, and was struck from the Navy List 7 February. Returned to the Maritime Administration on 21 June, she subsequently entered merchant service and is presently named *Texaco No. 10*.

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**Sources:**

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